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AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 11 beginning at line 18 with the following replacement paragraph:

Referring to FIG. 8, in a preferred construction of the invention, each paddle 34 extends at about a 30° angle relative to the radius R1 of the base plate 32 and the forward ring 30. The paddles can extend at other angles relative to the radius R1 of the base plate 32 and the forward ring 30, and preferably are arranged within an angle range between 0° and 40. In accordance with this configuration, an inner edge 33 of each paddle 34 extends between the base plate 32 and the forward ring 30 in a leading relationship relative to an outer edge 35 of the paddle. The inner edge 33 defines a first corner 41 with a leading edge 37 and a second corner 43 with a trailing edge 39 of the paddle. A first radial distance R2 is defined between the first corner 41 and the axis of rotation A of the base plate 32 and a second radial distance R3 is defined between the second corner 43 and the axis of rotation A of the base plate 32. The first radial distance R2 is greater than the second radial distance R3.